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16 Guido Beck, a physicist now in Cordoba, Argentina, is currently collaborating with Alejandro Mathus Hoyos and Lorenzo Soler, Argentine Senators from the Province of Mendoza, in drafting a Senate bill which recommends the establishment of a Superior Institute of Scientific Investigations under civilian control. Certain elements in the Argentine Government advocate the creation of a National Institute of Investigations, dependent upon the Ministry of War. Beck is opposed to the latter project, however, on the basis that military control of scientific investigations would arouse international criticism.

22. Shortly after his arrival in 1943 in Argentina, Beck became the most important individual in the Argentine Physics Association. (██████████ Comment: Dr. Enrique Gaviola now serves as president of this group.) The Association has consistently urged the Government to bring to Argentina European technicians and scientists who are specialists in the field of nuclear physics.

3. The following biographical data on Beck has been submitted:
Born in Czechoslovakia in 1903, Beck received his doctor's degree in Vienna in 1925. From 1928 to 1932, he served as assistant to the German scientist, Werner Heisenberg, in Leipzig. During the next two years, he taught theoretical and practical physics in Prague, after which time, until 1937, he lectured in the United States, Japan, and the Soviet Union. From 1937 until 1942 Beck worked in the atomic physics laboratory in Lyons, France. In the year 1940 he and a scientist named Konrad assisted various refugee scientists from Vienna. After lecturing in Portugal in 1942, he traveled to Argentina in 1943 and settled in Cordoba.

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